

SENATE BILL 2490

By Finney

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 13, Part 5, relative to the offense of rape  
of a child.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-522, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) A person convicted of rape of a child shall be punished by:

(1) Death;

(2) Imprisonment for life without possibility of parole; or

(3) Imprisonment for life.

(c) The procedure, requirements and guidelines for imposing punishment and execution of sentence for a violation of this section shall be the same as that provided in part 2 of this chapter for the offense of murder in the first degree.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.